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To: Microsoft ATR
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Dear sirs,

I wish to express my opinion that any settlement reached with Microsoft NOT include any provisions that would increase their already obscene monopoly position. Specifically, I mean, NOT allowing them to "donate" software or hardware to ANYONE as part of the settlement. To me, that would be almost exactly the same as the tobacco companies giving away cigarettes at sporting events. It is NOT a form of punishment, it is a form of ADVERTISING!

My personal opinion is that the company should be broken into two parts, one that makes only operating systems, and one that only makes other software. In other words, I agree with the original judgment handed down by Judge Jackson. I see no other effective way to insure that the monopolistic and illegal activities of the company can be curtailed.

Please do not let the power of this giant corporation push you to a position that you would not tolerate from an equally guilty defendant with less sway with people in high places.

Yours sincerely,

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